

TRUCE FOR MRS. WEIL; TWO ACTRESSES NAMED

**Rich Stock Broker Found
Guilty of the Charges
Made by His Wife.**

**Witnesses Told of Gay
Times in Home of Ger-
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tioned.**

Because of the many exciting incidents, charges and counter charges in the divorce suit of Mrs. Evangeline Weil from Henry Goodman Weil, the millionaire stock broker, the opening of the case today was like a popular matinee performance.

The Supreme Court was crowded with millionaires, actresses and spectators and unusual interest was shown in every detail.

There are seven co-respondents in the case—all of them either on the stage now or at one time before the flood lights—and as they sat in a row they were the recipients of many stares.

From the co-respondents' bench came glances from some, indignant glances from others and dignified indifference from still others.

Co-respondents "On Burn."

There were some co-respondents in fact that great care had to be exercised in passing in and out to prevent jostling them.

Before her marriage to Henry Goodman Weil, in 1888, Mrs. Weil was known as May Evangeline Wood, an actress.

The wedding was a secret one, and soon after, so Mrs. Weil says, her husband was induced to leave her by a member of his family, she at once brought suit for divorce and asked alimony pending the decree.

Seven co-respondents were named by her, and the resultant excitement in theatrical circles was very great.

Mr. Weil's answer was a counter charge and the naming of one co-respondent. In the preliminaries prior to the beginning of the trial today many sensational stories were brought out.

Mrs. Weil and her attorneys were early in the court room. They came in advance of Judge McAdam and the small army of co-respondents.

Mrs. Weil, who caused a sensation on a recent day by declaring she had been offered \$40,000 to consent to the hearing of the case before a referee instead of publicly, was accompanied by a well-dressed woman of middle age, with whom she frequently conversed.

Mrs. Weil's Gown.

The plaintiff, who seeks double alimony and complete separation from the millionaire broker, was carefully attired in a modish tailor-made suit and a handsome hat.

She is represented by Assistant District Attorney James W. Osborne, Gilbert D. Lamb and John Kelly.

Mr. Weil was accompanied by his attorney, A. H. Hummel.

As soon as the case was called Attorney John Little representing Clarence Edwardy, appeared for more time. He said his client had not been notified and could not be here. He wanted her interests protected.

Judge McAdam declined to grant his request.

Then Francis Weisman, associate counsel for Weil, made an earnest appeal for time to get his witnesses together. "They are playing in all parts of the country, Your Honor," said he, "and we can't get them here."

The judge refused to postpone the case.

Attorney Hummel then tried to secure delay, requesting the statement of the defendant, Mrs. Weil, to be taken in the presence of the necessary witnesses in the morning.

"We have a complete defense," said he, "if we are allowed time."

Lawyer Withdraws.

"Then, with all due deference to Your Honor," replied Mr. Hummel, "I withdraw from the case."

"We knew you were going to do so," interjected Assistant District Attorney Osborne.

After the jury was summoned to the courtroom, the plaintiff, Mrs. Weil, was sworn in. One juror was excused on the ground that he had liver complaint.

"You look like a pretty strong man," said the judge.

"But I am not, Your Honor."

The juror was let go after he had shown his doctor's certificate. Another juror was excused because he was opposed to divorce under any circumstances.



Mrs. MAY EVANGELINE WEIL

been drinking. I went out and got them a quart bottle of champagne.

"That's all," said District Attorney Osborne.

"What became of the wine?" asked the judge.

"I saved it for them. Mr. Weil gave me 14 cents for myself."

For further testimony to other acts of familiarity between the defendant and co-respondent, she was excused.

Her husband, also colored, was then called. He told of an incident at the Herald Square Theatre while "Monte Carlo" was being played.

"Mr. Weil met Miss Edwardy at the stage entrance. She threw her arms around him," said the witness, "and said, 'Hello, Harry, what are you doing here?' Then she kissed him."

Annie Law, colored, who worked for Mrs. Edwardy from January to March, 1898, gave her testimony.

Called on Actress.

She said that on the night of the Arion ball in February, while Miss Clarisse Agnew was lying at 15 West Sixty-third Street, Mrs. Weil called on Miss Agnew.

"There were wine and cigarettes and late hours."

The witness, Annie Law, also gave many incidents of a stirring nature.

Life in that particular flat, according to the witness, was very gay. There were wine and cigarettes and late hours.

After the three colored witnesses had testified Judge McAdam asked the jury if it was satisfied that the defendant was guilty of the three charges in the count in which Clarence Edwardy and Clarisse Agnew were mentioned.

"We are satisfied," was the reply.

"Guilty or not guilty?"

"Guilty."

"Do you say all?"

"That disposes of the case so far as you are concerned."

"You have virtually found for the plaintiff."

Brutal Policeman Escapes by the Aid of Commissioners.

Policeman William E. Powers of the Mercer street station, was fined fifteen days' pay late last night by the Police Commissioners.

Powers is the officer who was arrested on his night of last August, during the race war in Eighth avenue. He was charged by Acting Captain Conroy, of the West Twenty-seventh street station, with being drunk and disorderly and inciting to riot.

Magistrate Cornell fined Powers \$10 on the day after his arrest, Aug. 17, and he was suspended by Chief Devers. The action of the commissioners fixes his further punishment.

Powers has been on the force a little more than three years and has been the subject of eleven different charges. While attached to the East Twenty-second street station Powers earned the nickname of "Terror of the Kids."

One day last July he arrested dandy, blue-eyed, six-year-old Dolly Calahan, in Stuyvesant Park for picking three leaves to make a bouquet for her doll. The child was dragged weeping to the police station. The brutal policeman swore that he would "break an example of her."

After a night in the Gerry Society rooms the fearful child, almost in a state of collapse, was taken before Magistrate Moffat. She was promptly charged. Powers was severely censured for his unbecoming act. A week later he was fined half a day's pay for loitering in Stuyvesant Park in aid of patrolling his own territory.

Chief Devers declared that Powers was not fit to be on the force. The commissioners judged differently and with a leniency not easily understood at Headquarters.

APPEALED TO VAN WYCK.

Staten Island Delegation Asks for Six Fire Companies.

A delegation of twenty-five citizens of Richmond Borough called on Mayor Van Wyck today and asked him to charter six fire companies. An appropriation goes with each charter.

The Mayor promised to take the requests under consideration.

State Senator Charged Her Accuser.

SAYS HE TOOK A BRIBE.

Woman Demanded Money and Threatened to Reveal Legislative Bribery.

Mrs. Alice F. Coutant, a typewriter, employed by Edward M. Groat, President of the borough of Brooklyn, was a prisoner in the Jefferson Market Court this afternoon charged with attempted blackmail by State Senator Samuel S. Slater.

It was charged that Mrs. Coutant had offered to sell to Richard Croker and ex-Senator Charles L. Gay, Democratic opponent to Mr. Slater in the late campaign, evidence that Slater had accepted a bribe while in the legislature. It was also charged that the woman had demanded \$250 from Slater for the alleged evidence in her possession.

She was retained in the custody of Paul Groat, brother of Edward M. Groat, President of Brooklyn Borough.

Later in the afternoon Mr. Groat decided to surrender Mrs. Coutant and turned her over to a policeman. She was again taken before Magistrate Meade, in the Jefferson Market Court, and held in \$500 bail. Her husband accompanied her to court and then set out to find a bondsman.

As she was led to her cell the woman broke down and wept and pleaded not to be locked up. To an Evening World reporter she tearfully declared: "Only one who has been treated like I am now, but when I do it will be seen I was not in the wrong."

Mrs. Coutant is a handsome young woman of twenty-six years, and has been married twice, having secured a divorce from her first husband. She lives at 11 West Twenty-sixth street.

Was His Stenographer.

Mrs. Coutant was formerly employed by Slater as a confidential stenographer, and it is claimed that she kept stenographic notes of all his lectures sent to friends and politicians while he served in the legislature.

Three months ago Mrs. Coutant was discharged by Slater. Immediately after her departure Mr. Slater declares that reports came to him from various sources that serious charges were being made concerning him.

He was advised by the political campaign and well under way. He discovered that insinuations against him were on the increase.

Finally, Senator Platt summoned him to a conference and informed him that a woman was seeking to injure him.

Shortly afterward Benjamin B. Odell, Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, told him that the charges were made by his former typewriter.

Offered Croker Notes, He Says.

Mr. Slater declares that Mrs. Coutant sought out Richard Croker just before the election and offered to sell him proof that he (Slater) had been guilty of bribery.

Croker told her to pay the facts before Senator Gay. She did, but Senator Gay refused to listen to her, and when she refused to be paid he told her to go to the devil.

SET FIRE TO CROWDED HOUSE

Couple Plead Guilty to Getting Fire to Commit Arson.

Adolph Hoffman and his wife, Florence, neither of them more than twenty-five years old, pleaded guilty before Recorder Goff, in General Sessions, today to a crime for which each can be sent to prison for forty years.

Hoffman and his wife pleaded guilty to arson in the first degree. They compelled a sixteen-year-old girl, Mary Hoffmayer, a cousin of Hoffman, to set fire to their apartments at 67 East One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, for the purpose of securing \$500 insurance on furniture the actual value of which did not exceed \$40.

The Hoffmayer girl told Recorder Goff that she saturated a bed with kerosene and then set fire to it. This was about midnight on the night of Nov. 2. There were five families in the house, aggregating about forty persons, all of whom were asleep at the time.

"They got me drunk," the girl told the judge, "and promised me a new dress if I made the fire."

Mrs. Hoffman, who is rather pretty, almost collapsed when her lawyer entered the plea of guilty for her.

Assistant District Attorney Waugh requested Recorder Goff to discharge the Hoffmayer girl.

Mrs. Hoffmayer, who lives in Baltimore, was in court, and said that her daughter had run away from home and come to this city at Hoffman's suggestion.

Hoffman and his wife will, it is expected, receive a long sentence. A child who was injured at the fire is in a critical condition and is likely to die.

Besides this Detective William F. Maher, who arrested the couple, was assaulted by them and had his hand broken during the scuffle.

HARVARD BRAVES A BOMB.

Explosion in Lecture Hall Fails to Scare Students.

CAMBRIDGE, Dec. 5.—Harvard's annual bomb sensation occurred today, when a big bomb wrapped in brown paper exploded in a room in Sanders Theatre, while Prof. A. C. Coolidge was delivering his lecture on "Nighttime."

More than five hundred students were in the room at the time, but despite the unexpectedness of the report the clouds of smoke and the glow of fire, few students left their seats, and Prof. Coolidge continued his lecture. The bomb was so placed that little damage was done to the hall, except by the smoke.

The authors of the act are not known, but it is evident that some of the many hundred freshmen in the course must bear the responsibility. An investigation has been started.

FERRY FOR BUTTERFIELD.

The General Gets Ellis Island Contract at \$65 a Day.

Gen. Daniel Butterfield has secured the contract for the Ellis Island ferry at a price of \$65 a day, the boat to make thirteen trips each day. The first trip will be made from the island to the Barge Office at 6:30 in the morning, and the last boat will leave the Barge Office in the evening at 7 o'clock.

The boat to be used is the John G. Carline, which has been for three years tied up at Ellis Island. She will be put into commission about the 15th of this month, at which time it is expected the new buildings will be ready.

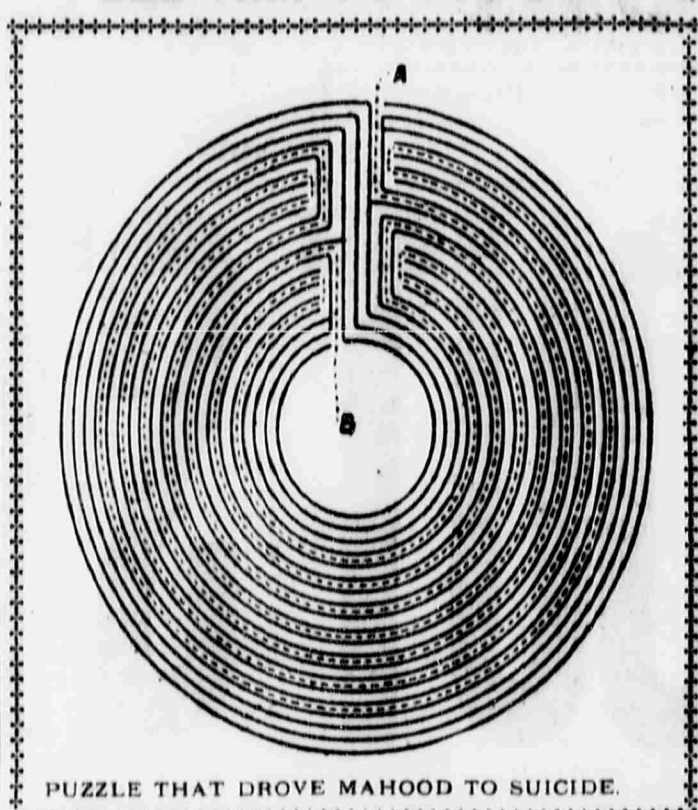
DIVORCE DENIED TO BOTH.

Prices and His Wife Are Alike Refused Decrees.

The jury in the case of Edward A. Fries against Susan Fries, of Brooklyn, suit and counter suit for divorce, brought in a sealed verdict this morning, after deliberating nineteen hours.

The jury exonerated both parties by believing neither of them, and neither will get the coveted decree of divorce.

THE "EGYPTIAN MAZE" LED HIM TO HIS DEATH.



PUZZLE THAT DROVE MAHOOD TO SUICIDE.

Mahood, Who Had the "Puzzle Brain," Ended Life with a Bullet.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 5.—Failing to solve the puzzle of life, and his mind twisted by puzzles of his own making, H. A. Mahood shot and killed himself at the Bingham House yesterday.

He had the "Puzzle Brain" a diseased state of mentality. He became insane through poring over puzzles, and in one of these highly wrought states he sent a bullet into his brain.

His latest effort in the puzzle line was known as "The Egyptian Maze." It failed to become popular, as did also an invention of his—a rubber mat for holding coins.

Yesterday morning he walked into the Bingham House. He paced the floor

previously in front of the clerk's desk. Then he went into the writing room and worked out two solutions to his "Maze" puzzle. These were found on him when a half hour later he shot himself.

When a travelling salesman for a large picture firm Mahood commanded an ample salary. He and his wife were in comfortable circumstances. But the man began the making of puzzles, neglected his business and soon his position was taken from him.

Then he moved to a relative's house and found a temporary position. But his puzzles and days were passed in the master passion of puzzle-building. He thought of nothing else, cared to do nothing else—and he again lost his position.

Then from puzzles being merely a side issue they became one overpowering thought. His mind began to waver and in July 1898 and again last Spring he attempted suicide by inhaling gas.

Yesterday he left his home seemingly in good spirits. But when he attempted to work out the key to his Egyptian maze puzzle in the writing room of the Bingham House, it is thought that his old form of dementia asserted itself.

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distinct remedies constituting his Special Treatment known as the Slocum System. Whatever your disease, one or more of these four remedies will be of wonderful benefit to you.

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The ailments of women and delicate children are speedily relieved.

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SIX MINERS BURNED.

Four May Die as the Result of a Colliery Explosion.

WILKESBARRE, Dec. 5.—By an explosion of gas in the Maxwell Colliery of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company at Ashley today six men were burned four of them it is feared, fatally.

The mine was badly damaged. The cause of the explosion is not known.

MUSCLE AND NOT FAT.

What Thin People Need to Round Off the Corners.

What thin folks need is flesh or muscle not fat.

To be symmetrical and properly proportioned every person should have a certain amount of excess flesh, but to be plump does not necessarily mean to be fat. Fat is undesirable. It clogs and retards the action of the muscles, interferes with the healthy action of the heart and lungs and, when too excessive, predisposes to fatty degeneration of vital organs, to say nothing of the discomfort resulting from too much adipose tissue.

Common sense would suggest that if one wishes to become fleshy and plump the thing most needed would be flesh-forming food—that is, albuminous foods like eggs, beef, mutton, etc.

The kinds of food which make flesh are the foods we have on our tables every day, but the trouble is that our stomachs, from weakness or derangement of some kind, do not promptly and properly digest it.

Really, the principal reason so many people remain thin is because their stomachs do not properly and completely digest and assimilate the flesh-forming foodstuffs and eggs we eat every day.

There are thousands of such people, and they are really dyspeptics although they may not suffer any particular pain or inconvenience from their stomachs.

If such persons and all thin people would take after their meals some simple and natural digestive, like Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, the food would be quickly digested and the proper degree of plumpness very soon result because these tablets are prepared exactly for that purpose. They digest every variety of flesh-forming food, which is the real reason why they so quickly build up and strengthen thin, dyspeptic men and women.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets cure every form of indigestion on this common sense plan, as they thoroughly digest the food promptly, giving strength to every nerve and organ in the body, and the weakened stomach a chance to rest and recover its natural vigor. Nothing further is required to cure any stomach trouble except cancer of the stomach. They make thin, dyspeptic people strong, plump and well.

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\$8.50 SUITS GO AT \$4.45. 875 Single and Double Breasted Suits, all wool, comprising many very fine weaves and patterns. The price all along has been \$5.50 during this quick unloading sale they go at **\$4.45**

\$10.00 OVERCOATS, \$3.85. 1,000 Heavy-Weight Overcoats. These Overcoats are made of Covert Cloth and heavy lining, suitable for Autumn or Winter; regular price \$10, **\$3.85**

\$10.00 SUITS, \$5.00. 640 All-Wool Sack Suits, in all the latest weaves and shades. For this quick unloading sale they are marked down from \$10.00 to **\$5.00**

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